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TAGS: ICRC, SHUM, ID
SUBJECT: ICRC INQUIRY CONCERNING DETAINEES IN INDONESIA

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1. TEAM OF ICRC OFFICIALS LED BY REGIONAL DELEGATE PASQUIER VISITED INDONESIA IN FEBRUARY TO INSPECT SEVEN DETENTION CENTERS IN JAVA AND SUMATRA. OFFICIALS DID NOT CONTACT EMBASSY AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT, HOWEVER, AND SWISS EMBASSY STATES THAT IT DID NOT RECEIVE MEANINGFUL BRIEFING FROM TEAM.

2. WE HAVE LONG SUGGESTED TO GOI OFFICIALS THAT RELEASE OF ICRC REPORTS ON DETENTION CENTERS WOULD BE USEFUL IN PROVIDING IMPARTIAL PUBLIC INFORMATION ON NUMBERS AND CONDITIONS OF DETAINEES.

3. GOI NATURALLY HAS BEEN SENSITIVE TO RECENT PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS IN US AND AUSTRALIA OF DEVELOPMENTS IN EAST TIMOR. HUMAN RIGHTS IN GENERAL WILL REMAIN VERY TOUCHY SUBJECT UNTIL AFTER MAY 2 GENERAL ELECTIONS. TRAVEL OF MOST KINDS EXCEPT TOURISM BEING RESTRICTED UNTIL THEN. IN VIEW OF EXPRESSED INTEREST IN INDONESIAN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION BY GOVERNMENTS OF US, AUSTRALIA, NETHERLANDS, AND OTHERS, GOI MAY SOME DAY PREFER TO WORK THROUGH ICRC AS INDEPENDENT, NON-POLITICAL APPROACH TO DEMONSTRATING ITS OWN ATTACHMENT TO HUMAN
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RIGHTS PRINCIPLES. WE WOULD CERTAINLY ENCOURAGE THIS AND HAVE SO DONE WITH RESPECT TO TIMOR.

4. ASSUME MENTION IN REFTTEL OF PAPUA REFERS TO INDONESIAN PROVINCE OF IRIAN JAYA. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION REGARDING DETENTION OF PERSONS IN THAT AREA.
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